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The Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rusk:

I followed very closely the events surrounding the Powers-Pryor-Abel exchange and the subsequent developments, particularly in the Powers case. It appears to me that this was an example of coordination between the Department of State and this Agency at its best. As one essential element, I think the security applied to this exercise was noteworthy for its effectiveness and required the greatest care on the part of all concerned.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the valuable assistance and the long hours which were willingly contributed by the members of the Department who took part in this event.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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